



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Summer Term 9th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few days in school with it being a short week too with the Bank Holiday. Sadly the weather has not been too favourable! This week our School Council visited Pontefract Castle on Tuesday and Y4 will be representing the school at an indoor athletics event tomorrow.

Have a good week.

Mrs Warters

SATs

Please do keep all our children, and staff, in Years 2 and 6 in your prayers as they embark on their SATs tests in the next few weeks. Year 2 will be undertaking a number of tests throughout May, and Year 6 will be sitting their tests next week.

The children have worked incredibly hard with their preparation for the tests and have already made us proud with their great resilience and determination. The staff have also put in so much time and effort ensuring that the children are prepared, and I extend my thanks to all. In addition, I know that you, as parents and carers, have also provided much needed love and support at home, and we thank you for this support. Please ensure your child has a restful weekend in preparation. Just a reminder that Breakfast Club for Y6 will be available in the Y6 classroom from Monday to Thursday from 7.45am

Parking and Road Safety

I repeatedly write to parents and carers to ask for **consideration** when driving or parking near to the school. We appear to have a number of repeat offenders who blatantly disregard the safety of our children by parking on the yellow Zig-Zags when dropping off at either Breakfast Club, Nursery, and main school at the beginning or end of the school day. This also includes turning in the school gate area. In the past few weeks we have experienced a number of issues in regards to parking which has resulted in upset for all concerned. ***Could I please ask that you do park safely and that you pass on the request to all those who may collect your child from school, including relatives and child minders.*** If we all do this it would not be a problem and the children of St John's could arrive and leave at the end of the day safely. ***I AM SURE NONE OF OUR COMMUNITY WOULD WANT TO CAUSE INJURY TO A CHILD UNNECESSARILY BY INCONSIDERATE DRIVING AND PARKING.***

Non – Uniform day

We will be holding a non- uniform day next Friday 17th May to support the Good Shepherd fund. I shall be taking some

of our Mini Vinnies to St Anne's cathedral in Leeds on the 24th May to the Good Shepherd celebration to present our cheque to Bishop Marcus following our fundraising efforts.

Nursery Closure – Polling Station

Please be aware that Nursery will be closed to children on **Thursday 23rd May** as the nursery unit will be used as a polling station for the European election on this day.

Nursery places

We have availability for places in our Nursery from September. Please contact the school office for more information and an application pack.

Class Photographs

Your child should have brought home a copy of the class photograph for this academic year. Please can all orders and payment be made by **Monday 20th May**. Any orders after this date will not be processed.

Y3 Singing Performance

On **Wednesday 22nd May** Y3 will be showcasing their work with Mrs Chapman in a short performance at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

INSET DAY

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 10th June as staff will be undertaking an INSET day on that day.

Sports Week

Beginning on Monday 17th June we will be holding our Sports Week in school with many activities taking place for all year groups across school including cricket, football, taekwondo, gymnastics and dance.

Our **Sports Day** will take place on Tuesday 18th June (weather permitting) Our sports day has been divided into two events, one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, which will take place in the morning, and another for the children in Key Stage Two, which will take place in the afternoon. Both events will take place on the school field with the morning event beginning at 9.30am and the afternoon event starting at 1.30pm. our Nursery children will join us for their 'Teddy Bear' race during their morning or afternoon session.

The PA are kindly supporting this event by providing refreshments etc throughout the day.

BKCAT Diocesan Singing Programme presentation – Save the date

Y2/4 will be showcasing their wonderful singing under the direction of Miss Kitson from the Diocesan Singing programme on Monday 8th July at 11.00am. All are welcome

Y5 Guitar Concert – save the date

Our Y5 children will be showcasing their guitar skills with Mrs Garside at a short recital on Friday 12th July at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Summer Holiday Club

Following success of previous holiday clubs during the August holidays we are once again able to offer a holiday club again this year led by Wakefield trinity who run many of our After School Clubs. The club will run on two separate weeks. The first from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th August and the second from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd August. The clubs are open to children from LF – Y6 and will run from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Each session will cost £15 per child but we are able to offer a discount for other children in the family. Information has been sent out to parents via the Groupcall email. Should you require any further information or want an application form please contact the school office.

Parent's Association – Save the date

The PA will be holding a disco for LF/ KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 10th July. Further details will be sent out shortly.

100 Club

The winner of the 100 club draw last week was: Number 98 S Perkins (LF)

BKCAT Trust Job Vacancies – IT Technicians/ Assistants

The Academy Trust are currently recruiting for IT staff please see the school or BKCAT Trust website for further information.

Help needed – The Well Project

The Well Project based in Haw Hill Park are currently appealing for items to stock up the food bank. If you have any donations of tinned food, toiletries and washing products please take them along to the Well, or alternatively they can be brought into school and we will



Attendance

Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week. This is acknowledged in the weekly Gold Book Assembly

Congratulations to Year 4 who had the winning attendance for the week.

| Late Foundation | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 91.61% | 99.33% | 97.74% | 92.67% | 99.69% | 94.07% | 98.67% |

ensure they are delivered. They are also appealing for carrier bags (the re- usable type)

Gold Book Assembly

Due to other events in school there will be no Gold Book Assembly this Friday.

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

Saturday 11th May 10am – 3pm in the Parish Hall (Packed lunch required)

Saturday 18th May 4pm- 5.45pm – meet in the Church

Saturday 15th June 4.30pm – 5.45pm – Rehearsal

Holy Communion celebration – Saturday 22nd June

Confirmation 2020 (current Y5)

The first meeting for children and parents wishing to **apply** for confirmation next year will take place on Sunday 12th May after the 10.00am Mass.

The first session for children will take place on Saturday 20th July from 10am – 3pm. A packed lunch will be required for this day

Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am – Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.00am Mass. All welcome

Diary Dates

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 13th May – Y6 SAT's week

Wednesday 22nd May – Y3 Singing performance 9.15am

Friday 24th May – Half term Holiday

Monday 10th June – Inset Day

Tuesday 11th June – School term begins

Monday 17th June – Sports Week

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day

Monday 24th June – Feast day of St John the Baptist – Mass in church

Monday 1st July – Eco Week

Monday 8th July – BKCAT Diocesan singing programme concert for Y2/ Y4 – 11.00am

Monday 8th July – Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 9th July - Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 10th July – PA Disco

Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Residential to Robinwood

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Hopes and Dreams assembly

Wednesday 24th July – Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Friday 26th July – End of year Mass in church 10.00am

Our Statement of Belief for this week was: I try to forgive those who have hurt me

Safeguarding: Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. DSL: Mrs L Warters (Head of School)

Deputy DSL: Mrs S Spittle Deputy DSL: Mrs D Ferguson Deputy DSL: Miss B Noone Mr K Flood (Executive Headteacher)